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Record Commercial Red Meat Production for June

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Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during June 2011, down 14 percent from June 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,800 head, 300 head below one year ago. The average live weight, at 1,159 pounds, decreased 1 pound from last year.

During June there were 1,200 hogs slaughtered, up 100 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 238 pounds, was down 8 pounds from last year. June sheep slaughter in the state totaled 200 head, down 100 head from June 2010. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 90 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.18 billion pounds produced in June 2010.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 2 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,262 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 4 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,500 head, up 6 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.94 million head, down 1 percent from June 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 273 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 11 percent from June 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 183,400 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2011 commercial red meat production was 24.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

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